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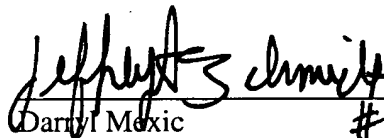
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: JP-A-Hei. 10-103461 is discussed in the specification starting on page 14, and for JP-A-2000-220719, the cited US Patent 6,251,039 is its English equivalent.

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		JP	10-103461	A	04/21/1998	NISSAN MOTOR CO LTD	Abstract
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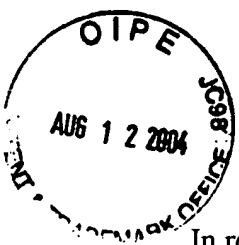
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Sir:

Submitted herewith please find 12 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-14) in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of these drawings.

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